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Dear Director Cowin,

I am writing in support of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and their application for a Water Energy Grant. SGVMWD is one of 15 entities whose grant applications have been recommended for approval by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in their initial draft funding recommendations. The Departments 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program provides funding for qualified applicants to support the implementation of residential, commercial, and institutional water efficiency programs or projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and also reduce water and energy usage.

The District's proposal, entitled, SGVMWD Water and Energy Conservation Rebate Program, would encourage water and energy conservation through rebates for water and energy efficient washing machines, dishwashers, smart irrigation controllers, and waterless urinals for residential and commercial water users in its service territory.

As the State Senator of the 22nd Senate District, I understand the importance of projects that prioritize water conservation. The proposed measures will reduce overall water usage for each member city, which will reduce SGVMWD's supplemental water requirement and therefore lead to decreased imported water deliveries.

I strongly support the SGVMWD in its application for this critical grant.

Sincerely,



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